

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of) Group:
Harald Hoffeld et al.)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please enter the following amendments to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 5, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 4" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 6, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 5" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 6" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 10, line 1, delete "one of the claims 7 to 9" and substitute therefor --claim 7--.

In claim 11, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 10" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 12, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 10" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 14, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 12" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 15, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 12" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

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